

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Please amend the abstract of the disclosure, which appears on page 41 of the specification, as follows:

-- ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A forward/backward switching control apparatus for a hydraulic drive vehicle that includes the following structures. ~~comprising a~~ A variable displacement type hydraulic pump driven by an engine for discharging pressure oil in both directions. [[; an]] An electromagnetic pump inclination angle control mechanism ~~for~~ making the discharge displacement of the variable displacement type hydraulic pump variable and for causing the same to discharge in both directions. [[;]] An electric control ~~means for~~ outputting signals to run the hydraulic drive vehicle forward, backward and forward/backward. [[;]] ~~and~~ A control device ~~means for~~ outputting, when the electric control ~~means~~ is switched forward/backward to output the forward/backward signal and when the time for switching the forward/backward signal is not longer than a preset time, a first modulate signal for delaying the return times from the forward position to the neutral position and from the backward position to the neutral position[[,]] to the electromagnetic pump inclination angle control mechanism. --